

his Genera Filicum (p. 177), where *Polypodium* is keyed out under the heading "Glandular paraphyses wanting."

Martens recognizes *P. virginianum* as a species, as does Miss Manton. We prefer to maintain *virginianum* as only a variety (or subspecies) for the present, recognizing that it may be necessary later to accord it specific rank. However, the status of the various races both in North America and in Asia needs to be investigated further.

A New Form of *Cystopteris bulbifera*

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The Bulblet Bladder-fern is a common feature of the stream-sides and moist woods in the Housatonic Valley region of northwestern Connecticut. On limestone ledges it frequently makes a solid curtain of long, graceful, narrow fronds, sometimes sweeping its decumbent tips into the tumbling waters of a brook. Always the plant has so uniform a character that it is easily identified by a quick glance and at a distance. Unlike our other common *Cystopteris*, the Fragile-fern, *bulbifera* appears to give rise to no unusual forms or varieties. There seem to be few records of variation in the literature commonly available.

It was, therefore, with considerable surprise that I was able to give field identification to an odd looking fern by noting the presence of bulblets along the back of the rachis. It was clearly *Cystopteris bulbifera*, but of such an unusual appearance as to call immediate attention to itself amidst a solid hanging mass of typical Bulblet Bladder-fern.

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